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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a method for selectively preparing the 3-oxo-4-aza-5 $\alpha$ -androstane compound which is used as an intermediate of finasteride by heating 3-oxo-4-aza-5-androstene in a mixture of formic acid and an alkanediol in the presence of zinc.

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